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- The latest decision of the Politburo of the KKE was reportedly brought to Athens on 2 May 1950 by a high-ranking woman Party member*.
- On 5 May 1950 at a joint meeting of KOA and KOP, the following points were allegedly discussed by the representatives of the Politburo:
 - Opportunism and sectarianism in the ranks of KOA and KOP have cost the KKE the loss of many members to the Democratic Front of John Sofianopoulos, Alexander Svolos and the Left Liberals, and have hindered the economic political struggle of the masses.
 - b. The lack of concerted efforts in the organizational and political field gave the Americans and the Government the opportunity they needed to establish political contacts with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, who is an immediate danger to the People's Democracies and the Soviet Union. It also gave Premier Plastiras an excuse to carry on the monarcho-fascist policy.
 - The establishment of the four district offices for the Athens area has hindered to a considerable extent the work of reorganization since the secretaries of these offices have been kept too far out of touch with the lowest echelons of the Party, and have been kept informed of their activities only through indirect reports.
 - d. Efforts of Party members are not being directed toward the creation of a "Democratic Front" but are being dissipated in the formation of miscellaneous Party committees.
- At the same meeting the following duties for Party members were allegedly enumerated by the representatives of the Polithuro:
 - The above-mentioned district offices should be abolished and the former Party organizational system restored.
 - Efforts to recruit new members should be intensified.
 - The Rizospastis should be issued once each week and it should be given wider distribution. Proclamations and "triks" should be distributed

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at least once a week.

- d. Party members must "dig up as much dirt" as possible against the (legal) labor councils and have it printed in Machi and The Demogratic Press, and, if possible, bring it to the attention of the Royal Prosecutor.
- e. The best members of EPON should become members of AON (Anti-fascist Organization of Youth) in order to be in a better position to disseminate proclamations.
- f. The Party candidates for the GSEE executive committee, Michael Kaliakakis, George Spartakos, Stamatis Mastroyanakis, Demetrics Mariolis and Galanakis should be supported.
- The reaction of many KOA-KOP members to the above Party line was not favorable because of the belief that the Party organization should be kept as narrow as possible (such was the purpose of the four district offices mentioned above), and KKE expansion should be limited until the special government measures are lifted completely. Party members also desired that a new front be organized under Sofianopoulos to replace the Democratic Front (which is difficult to organize both because of its name and its undefined leadership). A group of such dissident Party members requested that their opinions be brought to the attention of the Politburo.
- 5. KOP issued an order after this meeting to all Party members in OLP (Organization of Piraeus Harbor) to support one Pope, a KKE penetration in the group of Left Liberals, in obtaining the position as General Director of OLP.

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Avra Partsalidou has been recently reported to be in the

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